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## PORTO RICO.

*Reports from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *November 12, 1900.*

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended November 10, 1900; also the summary of work done at this station and the mortality report of the city for the month of October, 1900.

The rapid diminution of the number of deaths continues and will soon reach the normal ratio. The sanitary condition of the city is fair, but not what it should be. The report shows 1 death from anthrax, which is a rare disease here. The other infectious diseases, as tuberculosis, septicæmia, and infantile tetanus, are always present.

Ten vessels were inspected during the week, most of them being small schooners with salt from the Dutch Island, Buen Ayre.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure.]

*Summary of transactions of service during the month of October, 1900.*PONCE, P. R., *November 12, 1900.*

Number of deaths reported during October, 1900 (a) .....	370
Number of deaths reported during October, 1899 (a) .....	278
Number of births reported during October, 1900 (a) .....	140
Number of births reported during October, 1899 (a) .....	96
Total number of vessels inspected during October, 1900 .....	14
Total number of vessels inspected during October, 1899 .....	21
Total number of bills of health issued during October, 1900 .....	16
Total number of bills of health issued during October, 1899 .....	19
Number of vessels in quarantine during October, 1900 .....	0
Number of passengers inspected during October, 1900 (incoming) .....	74
Number of passengers inspected during October, 1900 (in transit) .....	88
Number of crew inspected during October, 1900 .....	503
Number of immigrants inspected during October, 1900 .....	12
Rejections .....	0

<sup>a</sup> These figures are for the city proper, the plays, and surrounding district of Ponce.

*Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, plays, and surrounding country) during the month of October, 1900.*

Diseases of the digestive system .....	147	Anthrax .....	1
Diseases of the respiratory system .....	13	Elephantiasis .....	1
Diseases of the circulatory system .....	5	Gangrene .....	1
Diseases of the nervous system .....	5	Tetanus infantile .....	1
Malnutrition, anæmia, inanition, etc ...	126	Septicæmia .....	1
Malaria .....	31	Bright's disease .....	1
Tuberculosis .....	15	Strangulated hernia .....	1
Dysentery (not epidemic) .....	16		
Rheumatism .....	4	Total .....	370
Wounds .....	1		

PONCE, P. R., *November 19, 1900.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bill of health reports for the week ended November 17, 1900: During the week the Spanish steamship *Cataluña* touched at this port from Havana, Colon,

Sabanilla, and La Guayra. She was held in quarantine, but was allowed to land 4 passengers from La Guayra and to take cargo from this port. One bill of health was issued.

The sanitary condition is fairly good and the death rate seems to continue its decrease.

Respectfully,

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*Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended November 10, 1900.*

PONCE, P. R., November 12, 1900.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended November 10, 1900: Spanish steamship *Pío IX*, from Genoa, Barcelona, Mallorca, Valencia, Torrevieja, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Tenerife, La Palma, and San Juan, with 5 immigrants.

Respectfully,

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*Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended November 17, 1900.*

PONCE, P. R., November 18, 1900.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended November 17, 1900:

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants
Nov. 17 Do.....	French steamship <i>Salvador</i> .....	Port au Prince, St. Domingo.....	3
	Spanish steamship <i>Cataluña</i> .....	Havana, Colon, Barranquilla, Puerto Cabella, and La Guayra.	3
	Total.....		6

Respectfully,

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